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By the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. **TO** All and singular Archbishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, Deans and their Officials, Parsons, Vicars, Curates, and to all Spiritual persons. And also to all Justices of peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, Churchwardens, and Head-boroughs, And to all Officers of Cities, Boroughs, and Towns corporate, And to all other our Officers, Ministers, and Subjoints whatsoever they be, as well within Liberties as without, to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

**WE** are credibly given to understand, as well by the humble Supplication and Petition of our pious distressed Subjects Amy Lynsted Widow, the late wife of William Lynsted, & loane the wife of Robert Morle, both of Shadwell in the Parish of Stepney, in the County of Middlesex Partners: As also by a Certificate under the hands of our true and loyal Subjoints, Robert Salmon now Master of the Trinity House of Deptford Strand in our County of Kent, and others the Wardens and Assistants of the said House, being also

subscribed by the Churchwardens and other the Inhabitants of Stepney aforesaid: That the said William Lynsted went Masters Mate in the good Ship called the Prudence of London, whereof John Chester was then Master, in his unfortunate Voyage into the Straights, wherein the said William Lynsted adventuring his whole estate of the value of four hundred pounds and upwards, was with the said Ship and all the Company in her in January, 1621. spoiled and burnt by those miscreant Sea-robbers the Turkes, whereby our said pious Subject Amy Lynsted did not onely lose her Husbonds life, but also all their meanes which her said Husband had with him in the said Ship: And that the said Robert Morle being Boatswaine of the good Ship called the Anne of Poorth Yarmouth, whereof Abraham Wheeler was then Master and bound on a Voyage to Lisbon, was about the moneth of February, 1622. taken in the said Ship by those cruell Infidels the Turkes, whereby the said Robert Morle was not onely deprived of all his estate that he then adventured with him in that Ship, amounting to the summe of two hundred pounds and upwards, but also of his liberty being caried to Argier, where he is deteyned a Captive in great slavery and misery among those inhumane Creatures; from which place of Bondage the said Robert Morle cannot be released without the payment of a great summe for his Ransome, which his pious wife having a great charge of small Children is no wayes able to procure, so that the pious Captive having already endured intolerable misery under those unchristfull Pagans, is likely there to end his wofull dayes and to leave his Wife and small Children to the wide world, and that the said pious Widow Amy Lynsted is utterly impowerless and disabled to relieve her selfe and her charge of small Children, which her said deceased Husband left upon her hands, so that they are all exposed to extreme want and much sorrow, unless some charitable course be forthwith taken for their relief herein, whose most lamentable and dejected estate is much to be pittied. And therefore we have thought good to commend the same to the charitable consideration of all our loving & well disposed Subjoints, as well within our foresaid County of Middlesex, as in certain other Counties and places hereafter mentioned, not doubting but that all good Christians well weighing the premises, will be ready and willing as feeling members one of anothers miseries, to extend their liberall and chearefull contributions towards the relief and comfort of pious distressed Christians in this their great necessity.

**IN** AS MUCH as we therefore, that of our especiall Grace and Princely compassion, We have given and granted, and by these our Letters Patents doe give and graunt unto our said pious Subjects Amy Lynsted, and loane Morle, and to their Deputy and Deputies, the bearer or bearers hereof, full power, licence and Authority, to aske, gather, receive and take the Almes and charitable benevolence of all our loving Subjoints whatsoever, Inhabiting within our Citie of London, with the Suburbs and Liberties thereof, and in our Counties of Middlesex, Hertford, and Essex. And in all Townes corporate, Parishes, Villages, and in all other places whatsoever within our said Counties, and not else where, for and towards the recovery of the said Losses, the redeeming of the said Robert Morle from the Turkes, and the relief and maintenance of themselves and Children.

**WE** do therefore command you and every of you, the High Constables of every Hundred within any of our foresaid Counties, that at such time & times as the said Amy Lynsted, and loane Morle, or their Deputy or Deputies, the bearer or bearers hereof, shall come & repaire unto you or any of you, with these our Letters Patents under our great Seale of England, that forthwith upon sight hereof, you receive the Brieves of these our Letters Patents, and deliver them or cause them to be delivered to the Minister or one of the Churchwardens of every Parish within your severall Hundreds, to be published by the said Minister of every such Parish the next Sabbath day after the receipt thereof if with conveniency it may be done, otherwise the next Sabbath day following, without further delay. And you the said Parsons, Vicars, and Curats, for the better stirring up of a charitable devotion, deliberately to publish and declare the Tenor of these our Letters Patents or the Brieves thereof, in your Parish Church unto all our loving Subjoints within the time before prefixed, and that when no other Collection shall be made for any other person at all. Exhorting and perswading them to extend their liberall contributions in so good and charitable a deed. And you the Churchwardens of every Parish where such Collections are to be made (as aforesaid) shall immediately after the publishing of these our Letters Patents or the Brieves thereof, carefully Collect and gather from seate to seate the charitable benevolence of all our loving Subjoints, as well Strangers as others, And what shall be by you so gathered, to be by the Minister and your selves endosied on the backside of the Brieve, under your hands in words at length and not in figures, and the summe of summes of money so gathered and endosied together with the Brieves, you the Churchwardens or petty Constable of every Parish within our foresaid Counties, as well in every City and Towne corporate as else where, shall returns unto the next High Constable within one week after the collection. And you the High Constables to deliver all and every the said monyes and Brieves unto our said pious Subjects Amy Lynsted, and loane Morle, and to their Deputy or Deputies, the bearer or bearers hereof, when as thereunto you shall be required. And lastly, whereas we are enformed of the great abuse which is now crept in amongst these pious people, who sell their Licences unto some other person, whereby mens charity goeth not the right way, but unto such as deserve it least, That from henceforth our will & pleasure is, that if it may appeare unto you, or any of you that the said Amy Lynsted, & loane Morle, have contracted any bargain, or made, or shall make sale of these our Letters Patents, whereby the benefit shall passe from them to any other person, That thereupon these our Letters Patents shall be void and of none effect. Any Statute, Law, Ordinance, or Provision heretofore made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

In witness whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patents for the space of one whole yeare, next after the date hereof to endure. Witness our selfe at Westminster the fifth day of February, in the one and Twentieth yeare of our Raigne of England, France, and Ireland. And of Scotland the Deane and Bishopp.

God save the King.

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